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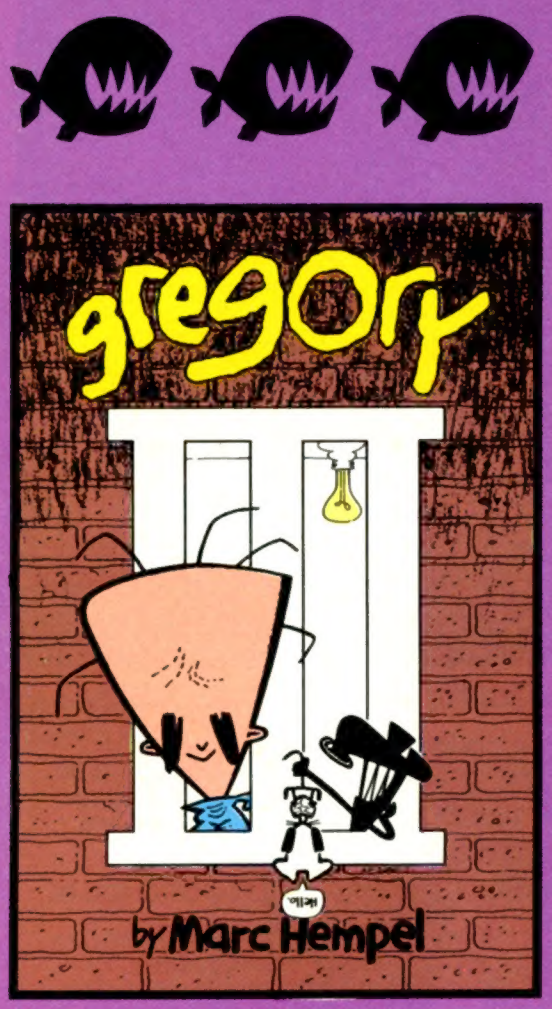

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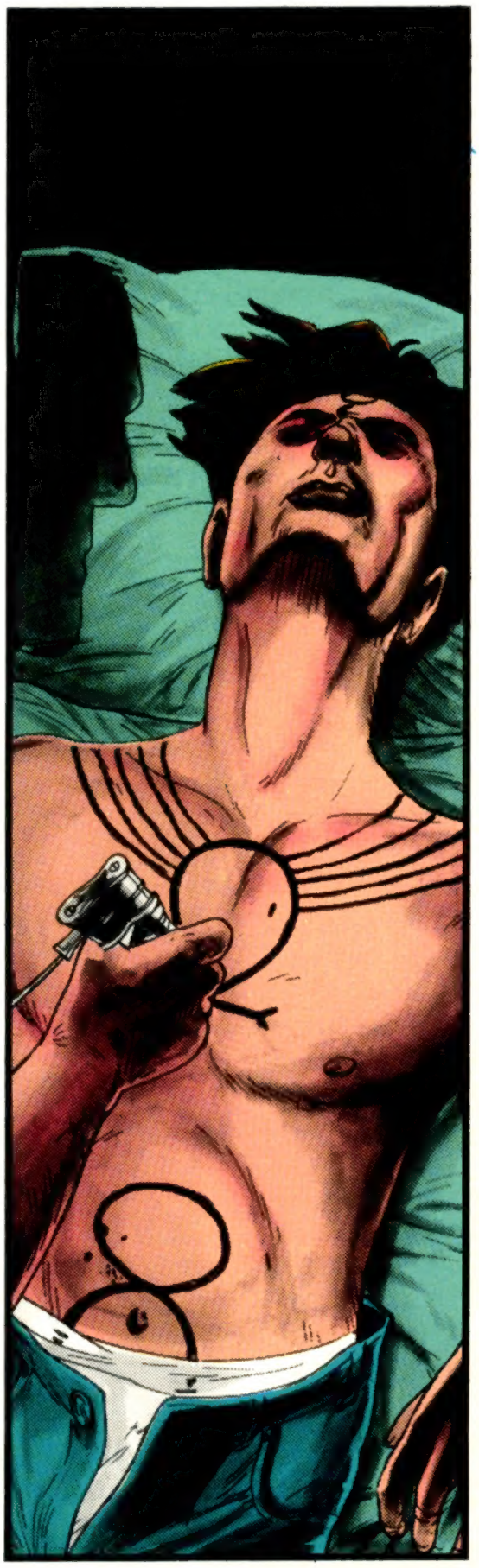
SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN

Beauty may be only skin deep, but what of evil? Can it be injected under the skin with a drop of colored ink? And what do you call a man who would paint with such a palette? John Oakes found the answer to these questions on the day he met Abel Tarrant, the Tattooed Man.

SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN is the strange and terrible tale of the link that forms between two convicts: Tarrant, the most feared man in prison, and Oakes, whom Tarrant selects to be a living canvas. Soon, Oakes learns that the ominous designs Tarrant has adorned him with are not mere pictures, but magical symbols that can assume malicious life.

After his release, Oakes tries to forget the symbiotic bond that was forged with the sinister Tarrant but is soon enmeshed in a chilling mystery involving a mutilated corpse, a beautiful woman, the Japanese underworld, and a cunning killer who harvests the tattooed skins of his victims, forcing Oakes to confront the horror of the indelible monsters that live inside his very skin.

SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN, written by Jerry Prosser, (*Aliens, Exquisite Corpse*), with art and fully painted color by Warren Pleece (*Velocity, Hard Looks*) and photo covers by Gavin Wilson (DOOM PATROL, SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE), places a decidedly Vertigo spin on one of the Green Lantern's strangest foes.



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BLOODLINES culminates in an incredible two-part climax which teams the longstanding DC heroes with the New Blood against the horrific result of the parasites' catastrophic imperative. The New Blood get their baptism of fire in BLOODBATH #1 and #2, following hot on the heels of BLOODLINES. The startling resolution of this epic megastory will rock the house! The battle lines are drawn... in blood.

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WAR IN THE STREETS... CHAIN GANG WAR!

A trio of armed vigilantes goes gunning for both street scum and super-villains. But quick executions aren't necessarily their style; they're into punishment. For that they have the House of Correction, an inescapable dungeon far below the Strang Mansion. There, justice is dispensed... despite the law! CHAIN GANG WAR is a series set on the gritty underside of the DC Universe, where shocks and twists abound with high-calibre action and intrigue.

The Chain Gang has its share of friends and foes: police detective Joe Shanahan wants to bring them in and put them away for good; investigative reporter Marian Hawley wants the inside story on the Gang, and may go to extremes to get it; and the city is so frustrated with crime and motivated by fear that the anger boils over into support for the vigilantes. With that much attention, it's a safe bet the Chain Gang won't escape the notice of the likes of Batman and Deathstroke.

CHAIN GANG WAR is an ongoing monthly series in the New Format, written by John Wagner and featuring art by Dave Johnson and John Dell, with a foil-embossed cover by Johnson.

Clear the streets... CHAIN GANG WAR is bursting through!

LEGENDS REBORN!

It's all-out action with the mightiest super-heroes in comics, as the core books of LEGENDS, one of the greatest crossover series ever, are collected in one volume. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Guy Gardner, Captain Marvel, the Titans, and nearly every major DC hero star in LEGENDS, the trade paperback edition of the miniseries that solidified the role of heroes in the DC Universe and reintroduced the Justice League.

The LEGENDS story begins on Apokolips, where Darkseid orders Glorious Godfrey to destroy the concept of super-heroic legends. Godfrey sets out to persuade the people of Earth that super-heroes cannot be trusted, and the heroes quickly find the public turning against them, even as Darkseid launches other assaults designed to further undermine their efforts.

The LEGENDS trade paperback, written by John Ostrander and Len Wein, features art by John Byrne and Karl Kesel, with a new cover by Byrne and a bonus gallery of covers from every chapter in the LEGENDS crossover.

The LEGENDS live on...!

THE SPECTRE #8 LIGHTS UP THE STANDS!

A spectacular glow-in-the-dark cover enhances THE SPECTRE #8, which sets out to top the look of the now-famous issue #1 with the earliest and most dramatic glow-in-the-dark cover ever!

A new storyline begins in THE SPECTRE #8 as the spirit of Jim Corrigan realizes that, for all his powers, he has developed one terrible weakness... for Amy! And, when Amy finds her own life at risk, she considers suicide as a way out of her despair, a decision that angers The Spectre. But, while concern for Amy's life mounts, so does fear of the serial killer the Enaver, who stalks the city streets as he hunts for his next victim!

THE SPECTRE #8 is written by John Ostrander, with art and glow-in-the-dark cover by Tom Mandrake.

THE SPECTRE #8... a haunting comic book experience.

ZATANNA... THE MAGIC IS BACK

Once she was a tag-along member of the Justice League. The fishnet stockings and the top hat are gone now, as she finally achieves her true potential as one of the most powerful mages in the DC Universe in ZATANNA.

In the wake of her ordeal in THE BOOKS OF MAGIC, a weary Zatanna puts her arcane nature aside, preferring now to live a more normal life. But disturbing dreams and images of the ancient chaotic entity Xanx force her back to her true calling, as Zatanna is compelled to cut loose with her incredible powers in order to defend the city.

The sheer power of her lineage is revealed as she truly connects with her "homo magi" side, and Zatanna confronts the legacy of her father, John Zatara, and the mysterious return of her Atlantean mother. She also faces the man she holds responsible for Zatara's death — John Constantine.

ZATANNA is a 4-issue New Format miniseries, written by Lee Marrs and featuring interior art and covers by Esteban Maroto.

The magic is back... but that's the least of ZATANNA'S worries!

BATMAN GOES INTO... KNIGHTFALL!

The inmates of Arkham Asylum are loose. Mad Hatter, Poison Ivy, Scarecrow, Two-Face, the Joker... all free! Gotham City is in chaos and the mayor wants Commissioner Gordon replaced. Batman is exhausted, overwhelmed. And watching... waiting... is the man who will break the Batman.

Bane.

Batman is going where he's never been before... be prepared!

"KNIGHTFALL" chronicles the events that will run through BATMAN and DETECTIVE COMICS (both appearing on a biweekly schedule for this monumental story) and select issues of SHOWCASE '93, culminating in the spectacular BATMAN #500. Also, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #16-18 will feature a self-contained, 3-part story that ties in with "Knightfall." "KNIGHTFALL" appears in:

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"KNIGHTFALL"... the Dark Knight will never again be the same.

KNIGHTFALL

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LOBO ANNUAL #1

BLOODLINES, DC's Summer Annual crossover event, begins here. Even interdimensional space crime lifeforms as ferocious and predatory as they are hideous... shape-shifting parasites that inhabit a living spaceship and harbor a terrible secret that threatens the planet Earth. It's death from beyond the stars for an angry Main Man when Lobo is ordered by Chief Oxo to investigate a disturbing rift in space. But Oxo places special L.E.G.I.O.N. agent Layla in charge of the mission and Lobo finds that he's mat his match in the butt-kickin' department... especially when Layla goes on to become the first New Blood in the DC Universe! Continued in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL. Written by Alan Grant, with interior art and cover by Christian Alamy. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

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ACTION COMICS #698

The "Reign of the Superman" continues: This new Superman's relentless approach to fighting for justice is tough on the bad guys, and Lois is why he rough and crude Guy Gardner sees Superman as his kind of hero! All the Superman titles now use a new, upgraded color process that employs an increased color palette. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Dennis Rodier. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

BATMAN #499

Continuing the biweekly "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN and DETECTIVE leading to BATMAN #500! In the sewers beneath Gotham, the Joker and the Scarecrow set Mayor Krol as bait to lure Batman to his doom. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Jerry Rubinstein. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

BATMAN #498

CHAIN GANG WAR #1

Three men, Gavin Decker, Yalo Strang, and Ernie Dorns... three ways of life, three needs for vengeance. From the mean streets of New York City comes this trio of well-armed vigilantes who don't just blow away drug-dealers and supervillains, they drop the culprits kicking and screaming to the House of Correction — a dark, dismal dungeon far below the Strang Mansion — in one of the most elite parts of the city. Written by John Wagner and Alan Grant, with by Dave Johnson and John Dell. Embossed foil cover by Johnson. *(New Format)* $1.75

CHAIN GANG WAR #2

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #26

Two stories told in parallel: top/bottom tiers complete Quartet!: While on a lion hunt, Slade Wilson is forced to confront the changes in his life and an uncertain future as he comes to terms with the death of his sons and the destruction of Qurac. Meanwhile, Wintergreen stages a daring prison break. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

FLASH #78

A twisted Barry Allen rampages through the city, bent on revenge, and Wally West prepares himself to fight his one-time mentor. Meanwhile, Jay Garrick and Johnny Quick might help win the day as Wally finds a way to use the deadly secret he has discovered. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Greg LaRocque and Roy Richardson. Cover by Ty Templeton. $1.25

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DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #26

seemingly dormant Sasaki. Alice, Ch'p offers to reveal the secret of the Mosaic. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Cully Hammer and Dan Panosian. $1.25

FLASH #78

GREEN LANTERN #43

Hal's little alien friend Itty returns to Earth with his mate... but there is a full-scale armada in pursuit and his entire race is in danger of annihilation unless Green Lantern takes a stand. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Claude St. Aubin and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #14

John is possessed by one of the Mosaic's non-human residents and is forced to communicate with the home planets of those on the Mosaic. The only one who can break the contact is the

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #14

HARDWARE #5

HARDWARE #6

The streets of Dakota will no longer be safe once Hardware teams with the new "hero," Deathwish! As they stalk a psychopathic killer, Deathwish shows Hardware just who's the real singlemindedness of dreadnought of vengeance. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and penciled by Denys Cowan. Cover by Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti. $1.50

HARDWARE #5

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #76

At last... the true face of Bloodwyn is revealed! Now, the JLA travels to unknown eons of the earth in order to discover the truth behind this astonishing secret. Written and illustrated by Dan Jurgens, with finished art by Rick Burchett. Cover by Jurgens and Burchett. $1.25

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #55

Trapped in the crowded Shadow Caves on Takis VIII, Lyrissa Muller encounters the most surprising being of all... her dear mother Lyrissa. How Lyrissa must choose between her Talokian heritage and the L.E.G.I.O.N., but only if she survives her encounter with the tentacled Shadow Beast! Plus, the pieces of the Genius puzzle come together, as the R.E.C.R.U.I.T. meets his maker. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

LEGIONNAIRES #4

The new Emerald Empress learns that revenge is indeed sweet as she craves the Legionaires into deadly battle. Also, Mano and the Persuader meet Mordecai... and another Emerald Empress? Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Chris Sprouse and Karl Story. $1.25

LEGIONNAIRES #4

PETER CANNON – THUNDERBOLT #11

Having learned that his old foe Havoc is behind his troubles, Thunderbolt joins the Knights of Checkmate for an invasion of Australoving. The prize: Havoc's capture and the return of the mysterious powerstone, the gem that may hold the secret to T-bolt's powers of the mind! Written and penciled by Michael Collins and inked by José Marzan Jr. Cover by Collins and Marzan Jr. $1.00

PETER CANNON – THUNDERBOLT #11

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #2

The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from LOBO ANNUAL #1. A gigantic otherworldly shape hurtles toward the Earth and the Man Of Steel is the first hero to encounter the insatiable extraterrestrial parasites that erupt from within. As monstrous in their grotesque proportions as their inhuman fury, the seven parasites embark on their mysterious campaign of slaughter and terror. Tom O'Brien somehow finds through the parasites' deadly onslaught... only to find his body has been transformed into Ezpe, where very flesh is a deadly weapon. THE BLOODLINES SAGA continues in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT ANNUAL #1. Written by Louise Simonson, with art by Eddy Newell and Mike Barreiro. Cover by Christian Alamy. 64 pages. $2.50

THE SPECTRE #9

For all his unfathomable power, the Spectre has always had terrible weaknesses... for Amy, who, fearing for her own life, considers suicide. But The Spectre is close at hand and is angered by Amy's confusion. Meanwhile, the serial killer known as the Reaper stalks the city streets, hunting for his next victim. Written by John Ostrander, with art and cover by the first cover by Tom Mandrake. *(New Format)* $2.50

STAR TREK® #69

Special 50th issue. Part 2 of the 2-part "The Peacemaker": Kirk and the enigmatic Gary Seven race to overcome murderous robots who would use unstable protomatter to undo history. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rod Whigham, Arne Starr and Carlos Garzon. Painted cover by Jason Palmer. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

VALOR #9

Valor vs. Darkstar! Trying to rescue a girl, Valor gets mixed up in a conflict between Darkstar Chaser Bren and marauding space pirates, in a duel to decide who will be planetary champion. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Paris Cullins and Ray Kryssing. Cover by Adam Hughes. $1.25

VALOR #9

WONDER WOMAN #76

Doctor Fate guest-stars as she helps Wonder Woman discover the secrets of the missing Princess Diana. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Lee Moder and Mark Pacios. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #14

Part 1 of the 2-part "Gotham Freaks": Batman goes undercover as a roustabout in a sleazy carnival to find the mysterious Mirage, a brilliant, unstoppable thief, and becomes trapped in the freak show. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell. Cover painting by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT ANNUAL #1

The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #2. The people of Gotham City and the Dark Knight alike are stunned by a series of grotesque, unassailable murders. When the otherworldly parasites descend upon Gotham High School to quench their inexhaustible needs, they find little resistance; but the parasite Venom inadvertently creates the New Blood character Joe Public, and she comes face to face with both Batman and this new hero who can absorb powers and strength from others. BLOODLINES continues in FLASH ANNUAL #6. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Trevor Von Eeden and Dick Giordano. Cover by Christian Alamy. *(New Format)* $3.50

BLACK CANARY #3

Black Canary, Gan and two friends track an electrifying mariachi killer keen on avenging the murder of his family. Written by Sarah E. Ryan, with art by Trevor Von Eeden and Bob Smith. Cover by Von Eeden. *(New Format)* $1.75

DANGER TRAIL #4

(Of 4 4-issue miniseries)

Kobra's plot is uncovered, but stopping it will require an operation of military scope. King Faraday and Sarge Steel join Peter Russian counterparts for a deadly assault on the radioactive remains of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant for a final confrontation with one of the deadliest villains alive. Written by Len Wein, with art by Carmine Infantino and Frank McLaughlin. Cover by Paul Gulacy. $1.50

DANGER TRAIL #4

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THE DEMON #37
"The Eternity Quest," Part 6 of a 4-part storyline, as only THE DEMON can do! Lobo licks his wounds and Morax the Bull-Beast of Stygia doesn't believe that his Thing-That-Cannot-Die cannot die. Meanwhile, Etrigan attempts to cast a spell to recreate his father's heart. When the two angels ruling Hell try to stop the spell, Etrigan, Lobo and Morax challenge the angels to a free-for-all tag-team wrestling match. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Tom Heddon and Rich McKenney. Painted cover by Denis Rodier. *(New Format)* $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS #693
Continuing the biweekly "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN and DETECTIVE leading to BATMAN #500! Batman is at the end of his strength, but he must first go through Bird, Trogg, and Zombie before he can get to Bane himself. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

ECLIPSO #9
Bruce Gordon's initial foray into Eclipso's South American stronghold was a dismal failure and Amanda Waller wants to know why. Plus, meet Johnny Peril, the World's Greatest Daredevil Thrillseeker! And the fate of the Crosser is revealed. Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art by David S. Klein and Ray Kryssing. Cover by Klein. $1.25

ECLIPSO #9

THE RACHER FILES #17
Part 2 of 12-issue extravaganza! In Russia, the JLI has cleared the pathway, allowing Racher to confront the insidious creation of Digitronix: Mankind's freedom rides on the outcome of this climactic battle. Written by Lewis Shiner, with art by Tom Sutton and Marc Buckingham. Computer art cover by Tom Canty. *(New Format)* $1.95

ICON #3
Rocket follows Payback into the tunnels beneath the city as Icon makes his first public appearance as the official hero of Dakota. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. $1.50

ICON #3

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #45
The war between Mordru and the Legion burns personal as Mordru "resurrects" dead Legion members and dozens of other dead DC heroes, including Robin (Jason Todd), the original Terra, and two different Vigilantes. Plus, the murderous Roxxas returns, and he may claim the life of another Legion member. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #89
Part 3 of the 4-part "The Darkening." The countdown continues to the climactic issue #100! The brotherhood of Evil, with its newest member, the crossdead Rita Farr, goes head to head with the Titans and their new member, Arsenal (the former Speedy). Also, Nightwing proposes to Starfire. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Al Vey. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #23
"Reign of the Supermen" continues: The Man of Steel crosses paths with the youthful Superman, and members of the media begin picking their favorite Supermen. Also, Lex Luthor II assumes off against the White Rabbit. All the Supermen titles now use a new, upgraded color process that employs an increased color palette. Written by Louise Simonson, with art by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #23

THE NEW TITANS #89

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ZATANNA #1
(of 4-issue miniseries)
Zatanna thought her career as a mystical heroine was over, freeing her to pursue a career as a theatrical booking agent. Then the supernatural began to threaten the reality of her everyday life. Now she must learn what lies behind this mystical invasion and the disturbing return of her late mother. Written by Lee Marrs, with art and cover by Esteban Maroto. *(New Format)* $1.95

ZATANNA #1

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BATMAN #497
BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall," the biweekly crossover that leads directly into BATMAN #500. Batman seeks vengeance on Bane for what was done to Alfred, but the tables are turned... and it is the Dark Knight who falls. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Dick Giordano. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #47
Part 2 of the 4-part "Heat": The heat wave continues as Catman escalates from violent thief to full-fledged serial killer, turning Gotham City into a powder keg about to explode into riots. Gordon struggles with a mayor who uses the killings to prey on racial feelings, and Batman is drawn from the hunt to stop mob violence. Plus, Catwoman tackles Catman alone... with disastrous results. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Russ Heath. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #47

BLOOD SYNDICATE #4
In the conclusion of "The Big Bang," Bricktrocus's conspiracy leads the Syndicate to Holy Cross Hospital, which doubles as a SYSTEM stronghold. As the gang fights its way through a laboratory of horrors, Rob Chapik gets the evidence she needs to expose City Hall's cover-up of the Big Bang. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Ivan Velez Jr., with art by James Fry and Andrew Pepoy. Cover by Fry. $1.50

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BLOOD SYNDICATE #4

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FLASH ANNUAL #6

The BLOODWINDS Summer Annual crossover continues from BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT ANNUAL #1. When undercover agent Nick Kelly goes inside Central City's mob, the last thing he expects is to be attacked by hideous extraterrestrial parasites. And while the mob kingpin is horribly slaughtered, Nick miraculously survives the alien assault and discovers he now has the powers of a dark, mysterious predator himself, becoming the New Blood — ARGUS. Together with the Flash, Argus sets out to destroy the mob and the alien menace once and for all. BLOODLINES continues in THE NEW TITANS ANNUAL #9. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Phil Hester and Aaron McClellan. Cover by Christian Alamy. $2.00

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #71

The JLA reaches the hidden fortress that holds the secret of the missing Bloodwynd. And inside, trouble awaits the team as members must battle the forces of a mystic menace to save their comrade and an entire planet. Written and laid out by Dan Jurgens, with finishes art by Rick Burchett. Cover by Jurgens and Burchett. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #2

Part 2 of the 3-part "The Tyranny Gun". Martian Manhunter, Nightwing, and the rest of the Task Force face the international terrorist Count Glass and his superpowered, armored bodyguard Blitz, with the fate of an island nation and world peace at stake! Written by David Michelinie, with art and cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #2

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #56

A bizarre string of unsolved murders on Cairn leaves Vril Dox's secret police baffled. But a mysterious, eight-foot tall, pink costumed hero known solely as the Masked Avenger appears on the scene to help. Who is this masked man? And why does he have so much Mc.Guffy, who recently quit the team? Written by Steve Mitchell and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO: UNAMERICAN GLADIATORS #2

(of 4 4-issue miniseries).

Let the games begin! It looks like Lobo is the favorite contestant in this year's Mid-Eastern Gamel But Johnny Caesar has plans for the Main Man, and if events such as The Slay Ride, The Pit Bull Pit, or The Acid Bath don't stop him, fellow contestants like the Ladies from Hell, The Flea, or Kraken the Khund will! Either way, Johnny Caesar comes out a winner. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner with art by Cam Kennedy. Cover by Mike Mignola. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO: UNAMERICAN GLADIATORS #2

STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #48

Part 2 of a 4 part story. Picard embarks on the most difficult mission of his life: the capture of his own alter ego, Locutus of Borg, as both *Enterprise*® crews prepare for battle with the merciless cybernetics. Written by Michael Jan Friedman with art by Peter Krause and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Rod Whigham and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN #78

Reign of the Supermen! continues. The Daily Planet hosts a memorial service for Clark Kent, while Ron Troupe accepts the first interview with the cyborg Superman. Written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding. A1 Milgrom provides a little wise ass a new upgraded color process that employs an increased color palette. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.50

SUPERMAN #79

TEAM TITANS #10

The Titans confront the vampiric creatures that have been draining the citizens of New Jersey. Also, the mysterious figure in the shadows continues his scheme with the Nightwing of 2001. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Phil Jimenez and Will Blyberg. Cover by Jimenez. *(New Format)* $1.75

TEAM TITANS #10

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #502

"Reign of the Supermen" continues: When Supergirl is sent by Luthor to bring in the youngest Superman, sparks fly between the two heroes. All the Superman titles now use a new, upgraded color process that employs an increased color palette. Written by Karl Kesel, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #502

THE BATMAN ADVENTURERS #10

Batman faces three of the most notorious foes in comics while the Riddler decides to riddle no more. The Riddler's first appearance in THE BATMAN ADVENTURES may be his last! Written by Kelley Puckett, with art by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. Cover by Parobeck and Burchett. $1.25

GREEN ARROW #76

Trying to deal with being left by Dinah, Oliver distracts himself by investigating a possible terrorist camp. His partner in the case is trouble... bald assassin Eddie Fyers. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Rick Hoberg and John Nyberg. Cover by Grell. *(New Format)* $1.75

BUY GARDNER #10

It's Guy vs. the Gardners of the Universe and Green Lantern Bloodstorm! Only Guy can see the invisible aliens controlling his foes, making him the only one who can stop their rampage. Written by Will Jacobs, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Terry Beatty. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #52

Maya, the League's newest member, is kidnapped by a strange cult who believe her to be the reincarnation of the ancient deity Shiva. With the rest of the team occupied, Power Girl and Dr. Light must fight alone to save their friend. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Ron Randall and Randy Elliott. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #52

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #2
(of a 6-issue miniseries)

Kamandi and Sleazer Zorn narrowly escape Ben Boxer's bionmach warriors... and run smack into the hands of the scrounging Kingpin and Big O. Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barreiro. Cover by Gomez. *(New Format)* $1.75

BUY GARDNER #10

THE NEW TITANS ANNUAL #9

The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from FLASH ANNUAL #6. Two of the hideous zombies from the LOBO ANNUAL are loose in New Orleans, where voodoo sayings are terrorizing the public, and a toxic waste spill brings the Titans face to face with unspeakable horror. Out of that horror grows the New Blood. Anima, BLOODLINES continues in SUPERMAN ANNUAL #5. Written by Paul Kupperberg and Elizabeth Hand, with art by Malcolm McClaren. Cover by Christian Alamy. *(New Format)* $3.50

STATIC #2

Virgil has a lot of explaining to do as Frieda demands to know the shocking origin of Static. And Hotshot and Static are ready for a brutal rematch. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert Washington, with art and cover by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. $1.50

STATIC #2

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ACTION COMICS #688

The "Reign of the Supermen" continues. The Last Son of Krypton squares off against the Man of Steel for the right to be Superman. All the Superman titles now use a new, upgraded color process that employs an increased color palette. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

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ACTION COMICS #880

CRUCIBLE #0
(of a 6-issue miniseries)

The battle reaches its explosive conclusion as the Shield, the Black Hood, and the Comet clash in a deadly showdown with the Crusible, and the destiny of the Impact heroes is forever changed as an all-new super-hero emerges. Written by Brian Augustyn and Mark Waid, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz, and Jimmy Palmiotti. Cover by Dick Giordano. $1.25

THE DARKSTARS #18

Mo's on his own as he confronts highway con-artists who are posing as homeless beggars in order to extort money from unwitting Good Samaritans... but his violent outburst may cost him his Darkstars uniform. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Paul Fleming and Scott Hanna. Cover by Travis Charest. *(New Format)* $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS #664

BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall." As Bruce Wayne contemplates his loss into BATMAN #500, Azrael and Robin race the clock to find the medicine that is Batman's only hope for recovery from the debilitating injury he suffered at the hands of Bane. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

LEGENDS TRADE PAPERBACK

Some of the greatest super-heroes in comics appear in this collection of the epic miniseries LEGENDS which introduced the Justice League to DC continuity and featured Superman, Guy Gardner, Captain Marvel, the Titans, and nearly every major hero in the DC Universe. As a bonus, this collection also contains a gallery of all the covers of the LEGENDS crossover installments. Written by John Ostrander and Len Wein, with art by John Byrne and Karl Kesel. Cover by Byrne. 160 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $9.95

SCANLEY #7

In Part 2 of the 4-part "Blood of the Damned," Scanley's already-on-the-run from the police, the Normals and the Vampire Clique. Now enter the Blood-Wing — Shadowdrive nomenclature, and Scanley's — a superpowered white force out to capture Big-O any-cost. Written by Tom Lyons and K.S. Wiles, with art by Stan Morrow. Cover by Jim Fern. (Mini-Format) $1.75

SUPERMAN ANNUAL #5

The ANNUALISTS Summer Annual crossover continues from NEW TITANS ANNUAL #5. Big Greedy are the ones who stole Sons Saint and Vivien that they stoop to attacking even dead humans, one of whom is a woman who looks like Lex Luthor II. Myriad. SUPERMAN ANNUAL's New Blood introduces Lex II, who teams-up/joins up with the new Superman in an effort to learn more about each of their backgrounds. BLOODLINES continues in GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #5, written by Brian Jungens, with art by Dave Lapham. Cover by Christian Alamy. 64 pages. $2.50

SHOWCASE '93 #7

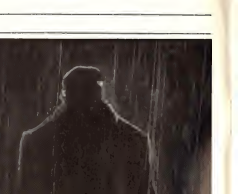
In "Double Cross," Part 1 of a two-part Two-Face adventure, the fallout of the "Knightfall" saga is in the Batman titles, an exhausted Batman continues to fight all of the escapees from Arkham. But Harvey Dent has already set his plans in motion unpredictable and deadly foes, and Batman isn't in any shape to deal with him. "Acute Schizophrenia Paranoia Blues," Part 2 of the Kobra Kronicles, finds Peacemaker and Deathstroke fighting hordes of Kobra's mutated Kobrians, in a no-holds-barred epic by Mike Baron, Gary Barker, and Joel Morden. In Infinity Inc.'s Jade and Obsidian face a villain who turns all their past crimes happy-funny, in "Image Is Everything," written by Michael J. Martinez, with art by Andrew Kuzdzia and Kevin Nowlan. Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. 48 pages. $1.95

THE LAST ONE

Eons ago, even as the hominids who would someday christen themselves homo sapiens were grasping the importance of opposable thumbs, there dwelt on Earth a race of immortal beings. As the new race grew, the old race saw its time was passing and retreated — all except for One who was fascinated by the new world and its new people. Calling himself Myrwann, this One has been among us ever since, sometimes wearing the form of a man, sometimes a woman, always aiding the bedraggled, guiding the castoffs, and treasuring the accomplishments of the forsaken he has guided.

But now something has happened. Ancient beyond imagining and weary beyond conception, Myrwann has lost the delight of life. Driven by a force he doesn't understand, he embarks on a harrowing journey through his previous lives — from the East Village of today to Hollywood of the 1920s, to the Buddha's India, to the Dawn of Humankind — searching for an answer for the darkness that has settled on his spirit.

Written by J.M. DeMatteis (MERCY, *Moonshadow, Blood*) with exquisite, fully-painted artwork by Dan Sweetman (BEAUTIFUL STORIES FOR UGLY CHILDREN and *Spx Magazine*), THE LAST ONE gathers together threads of tales from yesterday and today and weaves them into a remarkable tapestry of the human spirit.. and other spirits as well.



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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #6
In the final act of "The Tarantula," the sordid secrets that curse the Goldman family are brought to light, while the Sandman waits in the wings to unmask the murderous kidnapper. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by Guy Davis. Painted prelim cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #37
The angelic and nefarious Paracochlist inspires fervid churnings in the souls of Shade, Kathy, and Lenny. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Bachalo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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HELLBLAZER #67
A catastrophe in John Constantine's personal life sends him spiraling downhill, determined once again to destroy everything he holds dear. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

KID ETERNITY #3
Kid Eternity finds love — but love is in worse shape than he bargained for. Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN #51
Neil Gaiman begins a new set of self-contained stories focusing on a group of stranded travellers who, caught in the midst of a reality storm, cling to the present by revealing tales from the past. Framing sequence by Brian Talbot; main story art by Alec Stevens. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95.

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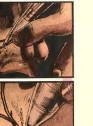
ANIMAL MAN #61
In part one of "Tooth and Claw," the Baker clan heads for the coast for a well-deserved vacation just as a burst of negative psychic energy provokes the animals into a violent insurrection. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

ENIGMA #5
(Art on 4 cover miniseries)
Sent on a mission of memory by Envelope Girl, Michael is led back to his childhood home. Plus (as if things weren't already strange enough), this issue features the debut of the Interior League. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Duncan Fegredo, and full process color by Sherilyn van Valkenburgh. Painted cover by Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

ENIGMA #5

SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN #1
(Ed 4-issue miniseries)
The rigors of prison life, a dark occult discipline, the trophies of a cunning serial killer, and the virulent art of tattooing are the forces that form the four walls of the life of John Oakes, a con with nothing but time on his hands until his mentor, Abel Tarrant, a.k.a. the Tattooed Man, one of Green Lantern's strangest foes. Only after he is released from prison does Oakes learn that the strange designs Tarrant has injected under his skin have a malevolent life of their own. Written by Larry Pressler, with art and fully painted color by Warren Pleece. Painted prelim cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50



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SWAMP THING #133
The Earth trembles beneath the tread of Thunder Petal, Warrior God of the Dancing Daisies. While Swamp Thing battles his wayward daughter's flower creature, Dr. Poyson attempts to breathe life into the frozen corpse of General Sunderland, and Abby makes a fateful decision. Plus, a bonus pinup by Paul Chadwick, creator of Concrete. Written by Nancy Collins, with art by Scot Eaton and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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DOOM PATROL #68
The Doom Patrol discovers the secret of the Identity Addict, a super-hero with an unlimited number of costumed identities. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Linda Medley and Graham Higgins. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE LAST ONE #1
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Last of a line of immortals, Myrwann has lived among humans since the Dark Ages, taking delight in their wondrous variety, and aiding society's cast-offs wherever he finds them. But now, Myrwann has begun to feel the weight of years, and malevolent forces have taken hold of his heart, dark voices he can only defeat with the aid of the last souls he has helped over the years. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Dan Sweetman. Painted cover by Sweetman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

THE LAST ONE #1

TELL ME, DARK
Barbara Flick was unforgettable — beautiful, ardent, and sensuous — the center of Michael Sands's existence. The night she vanished from the streets of London into a world of spiritual rites and demonic deception, Sands's world crumbled. Now, he has returned to fight for Barbara's soul, but the battle for it may cost Michael his own. Written by horror novelist Karl Edward Story and John Ney Rieber, with fully painted art by Kent Williams. This graphic novel, originally a hardcover book, is now offered in softcover with a new painted cover by Kent Williams. *(Suggested for mature readers.)* $14.95

THE LAST ONE #1

SHIPPING JUNE 8

SEBASTIAN O #3
(of a 3-issue miniseries)
The interstellar mayhem comes to a close with unexpected finality when Lord Theo reveals unsettling truths about Sebastian's role in the grand scheme of things. Written by Grant Morrison, with art by Steve Yeowell, with full process color by Tatjana Wood. Cover by Yeowell. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

GREGORY III...BACK TO ABNORMAL

"Well, kid, you sure make a good first impression."

No, that wasn't Bogie to Bacall. It's Herman Vermin (already the star of his very own best-selling book) to Gregory when the world's shortest and best-loved little guy returns in his new book: GREGORY III.

What's a stunt jacket between friends, right? Well, in GREGORY'S case it's a necessity, even after his slam-bang successes in his previous books, GREGORY and GREGORY II: HERMAN VERMIN'S VERY OWN BEST-SELLING AND CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED BOOK WITH GREGORY IN IT.

GREGORY III includes the special added attraction of the Manic Terwilliger Show! Plus, at no extra charge, the reader is offered Gregory-Vision™! See what Gregory sees as he sees it, with stories that touch the funny bone with a skewed sense of irony and irreverence, and a character with a devoted following.

GREGORY III is a 64-page black & white one-shot in the Prestige Format written and drawn by Marc Hempel.

GREGORY III... it's got humor. It's got pathos. It's even got Herman Vermin. Who can ask for anything more?

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GREGORY III
Celebrity Spring by returning once again to the tiny cell at the center of the world — Gregory's world. All your favorites will be there — Herman Vermin, Wendell the Mouse, the drain, the light bulb, and, of course, the world's best-loved little guy. Plus — the unveiling of Gregory-Vision™! See the world as Gregory sees it! Written and illustrated by Marc Hempel. Cover by Hempel. *Prestige Black-and-White Format*/$4.95

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THE BATTLE IS DRAWN IN BLOODLINES!

An event of cataclysmic proportions dawns as New Blood infuses the DC Universe in 1993. BLOODLINES is an exciting horror story running through this summer's annuals that gives rise to future DC superstars.

It all begins when a group of extraterrestrial parasites crashlands on Earth. Seven monsters emerge and quietly begin a series of grisly murders, feeding upon human spinal fluid. Some of the victims miraculously recover... only to find that they have gained paranormal powers. What happens next is DC history in the making, as superpowered humans — each created specifically for the BLOODLINES event — spontaneously arise all across the world. These are the New Blood, the DC Universe's newest heroes and villains, and many will go on to star in their own miniseries, ongoing titles or join teams firmly established in the DC Universe.

Drawn irresistibly into this paranormal population explosion is the long-standing vanguard of Earth's established heroes, struggling to hold back the storm of death that threatens to result from the extraterrestrials' deadly biological agenda. Fan-favorite artist Arthur Adams designed both the monstrous versions of the parasites and their more attractive human forms.

BLOODLINES occurs in three waves of DC annuals: